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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversations with C. L. Johnson (18 January 1956)
on Ground Power Maintenance and Auto Pilot Maintenance

1. I discussed the above subjects several times with Kelly Johnson during his one day stay in Washington on 18 January. The following was agreed:

a. With respect to ground power maintenance, two Lockheed maintenance personnel will shortly be put through a factory training course in the MA-2 unit. On the basis of this training, the Lockheed maintenance personnel of each Detachment will assume responsibility for routine field maintenance of ground power equipment, including the MA-1 (if it is used), the C-22, and other such flight line equipment currently in use at Watertown.

b. With reference to the auto pilot, Lockheed will make arrangements with [] to provide an engineer who can act as a diagnostician for any troubles encountered with the auto pilot and who will himself assist in such field maintenance, or replacement of subassemblies, as may be required. It is Kelly's view that one such technical representative will be sufficient for the whole Project.

2. Subsequent to the above reported conversations with Kelly, I discussed this matter further with [] in view of his misgivings (which have also been expressed at Watertown by [] about the readiness of the Lockheed maintenance personnel to perform their own basic tasks, I suggested that the two men specially trained on the MA-2

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might be added to the complement of maintenance personnel required for work on the airframe if such action seemed advisable at the date of deployment of Detachment A. Since Kelly has already recommended that the number of Lockheed personnel assigned to maintain four aircraft be reduced from 24 to 20, the addition of two for ground power maintenance would still leave the total lower than originally planned.

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